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Identical letters dated 9 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I write with reference to the reports circulated by certain Israeli parties, to the effect that Lieutenant Colonel Yahya al-Husayni of the Directorate of Intelligence is connected with Hizbullah, and that the latter is using his position in the Lebanese Army for so-called terrorist activities on the border. That information is completely mistaken. Its sole purpose is to tarnish the image of the Lebanese Army and to portray it as the party responsible for violating international law and the provisions of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), in order to help Israel in its ongoing endeavour to justify its violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land.

My country's Government respects its obligations under the relevant international resolutions. On its behalf, I call on the Security Council to condemn those claims and allegations in the strongest terms possible, and to prevail on Israel to stop violating Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land and fulfil all of its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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